

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

B. B. WOODWARD, F.L.S., President, in the Chair.

The Rev. E. W. Bowell and Mr. W. M. Webb were appointed scrutineers.

The following report was read:—

“Your Council, in presenting their sixteenth Annual Report, are again able to record a year of progress.

During the past twelve months five new members have been elected. By death we have lost three members, Professor Spiridion Brusina, a worker whose reputation is worldwide, Mr. W. H. Hudleston, and Mr. F. C. Crawford. Five members have resigned, and the names of three others have been removed from the list according to Rule X.

The membership of the Society on December 31st, 1908, stood as follows:—

Ordinary members	78
Corresponding members	83
	161
Total	161

At the end of the year 1907 the total membership was 167, and of 1906, 164.

The financial condition of the Society is not so satisfactory as in previous years, and although not such as to cause uneasiness, calls for the attention of members. The balance-sheet shows an adverse balance of £3 11s. 3d.¹; but, on the other hand, £10 10s. has been added to the special fund to which it was lately decided that entrance and composition fees should be credited, instead of being merged as heretofore in the annual income; while, in addition, the Society still holds the sum of £50 invested in Metropolitan 2½ per cent. stock.

Since the last Annual Meeting three parts of the ‘Proceedings’ have been issued as usual, forming the first half of the eighth volume. They consist of 191 pages of text, 7 plates, and 35 text-figures.

The Society is indebted to the following gentlemen who have kindly contributed towards the cost of the plates and other illustrations, or have furnished drawings for reproduction:—Colonel R. H. Beddome, the Rev. E. W. Bowell, A. J. Jukes-Browne, R. Bullen Newton, Professor H. A. Pilsbry, H. B. Preston, A. Reynell, E. A. Smith, G. B. Sowerby, H. Suter, and B. B. Woodward. It is only through such kind help that the ‘Proceedings’ can be so fully illustrated.

Further, the thanks of the Society are especially due to the Council of the Linnean Society, through whose kindness it has been permitted, as in previous years, to hold its meetings in Burlington House.”

¹ Through the kindness of certain members this deficit has since been cancelled.